



# Shoreline

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## Taylor Honored for Volunteering

The Nabb Center could not function without the support of its many volunteers and on Wednesday, January 24, our volunteer coordinator and board member Pat Taylor was honored by the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council with their Heritage Interpreter Award. The award recognizes one non-profit volunteer each year for an outstanding interpreter-docent and educator contribution to an organization. For years, Taylor has been volunteering over 1,200 hours annually at the Nabb Research Center helping students and public patrons alike find their way through the many records the Nabb holds. Taylor's recognition is well deserved as she has strengthened the bonds of SU with the community. Congratulations Pat! 🍷



*Nabb Research Center board members Carolyn Adkins and Joan Matyiko (Taylor's sister) congratulate Pat Taylor at the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council Luncheon.*

## Discovering Salisbury's Fire Department History

Assistant Chief Bryan Records of the Salisbury Fire Department is a frequent visitor to the Nabb Research Center these days. Records is working to create a historical exhibit for the new fire station scheduled to open within the next 14 months. The exhibit will feature fire equipment from the late 19th century as well as a collection of photographs. Records has been using the Nabb Research Center's Fred A. Grier Collection to help fill in some gaps in the Salisbury Fire Department record. The center's collection of photographs helped to explain a lot of mysteries and rumors within the Salisbury Fire Department's history. Chiefly among them is the existence of a second Salisbury fire boat from the

turn of the 20th century. The Grier Collection has the only known photograph of three fire-boats. The first time the chief saw the trove of photos, he told Director Becky Miller, "It's like I've won a million dollars."



*Photo from the Fred A. Grier Collection of a Silsby Steamer bought in 1879 by the Salisbury Fire Department. In 1900 the metal wheels were changed to wood.*



Finding many photos at the Nabb Research Center "fill a huge gap" in Salisbury Fire Department history. Records asks if any readers has memorabilia from the Salisbury Fire Department and would like to donate it to the exhibit at the new station, to contact him at 410-548-1253 or 443-614-1387.

## *"We're History... Without You"*

### Salisbury School Visits Nabb

You may find a slightly younger crowd engaged in study at the Nabb Research Center these days—and we are not talking about the college students. Dan Pavese, a graduate of Salisbury University, teaches AP U.S. History for the Salisbury School. He was introduced to the Nabb Research Center as a student at SU. Remembering the wealth of information housed at the center, he felt it would be of excellent use to his students. Pavese's class is currently working on a project involving the Civil War and slavery. They are investigating the period through the eyes of those who lived through it. Pavese's students are using diaries, journals and personal interviews to write research papers and to use as background information for other projects. He plans to bring his class to the Nabb Research Center throughout the spring to continue exploring American history through primary resources. ☺



Dan Pavese and his Salisbury School U.S. History class receive an introduction to the Nabb Research Center.

### Many Thanks

The Nabb Research Center thanks Ralph Nelson for asking the Sussex County Genealogical Society to donate Volume 22 of the Colonial Roots series. We appreciate their generosity and dedication to researching and preserving the history of Del-Mar-Va. ☺

### Women's History Month Lecture

Celebrating Women's History Month, on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 3:30 p.m., Dr. Sarah Case, assistant professor, U.S. women's history, and director, gender studies program at Salisbury University, presents a lecture titled "Respectability and Southern Women's Education, 1880-1920" at the Nabb Research Center. The Lucy Cobb Institute of Athens and the Spelman Seminary of Atlanta, two Georgia schools directed and staffed by women, demonstrate the centrality of respectability to the identities of women, white and black, in the postwar South. The schools, one educating daughters of the southern white elite, the other attended by the daughters of former slaves, may appear to have little in common, but both were led by female faculty who faced the challenge of readying young women for the new demands of urban public life. Learn how these instructors taught principles of modesty and respectability as protection against accusations of immorality for young women venturing into the public sphere: the new feminine ideal. The lecture is free and open to the public at the Nabb Research Center in Room 190 of the East Campus Complex of Salisbury University. For information and/or directions, please call 410-543-6312 or visit <http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu>. ☺

### Spring 2007 – 25th Anniversary Year

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| <b>March 15 -</b> | Women's History Month Lecture:<br>"Respectability and Southern Women's<br>Education, 1880-1920" with Dr. Sarah<br>Case   |
| <b>April -</b>    | Jamestown Exhibit  |
| <b>April 11 -</b> | Wilcomb E. Washburn Distinguished<br>Lecture: "A Land as God Made It:<br>Jamestown and the Birth of America" with<br>Dr. James Horn, O'Neill Director of the<br>Colonial Williamsburg Foundation |
| <b>April 28 -</b> | Maryland Archaeology Month Lecture:<br>"Recent Developments in Delmarva<br>Archaeology" with Dr. Elizabeth Ragan   |